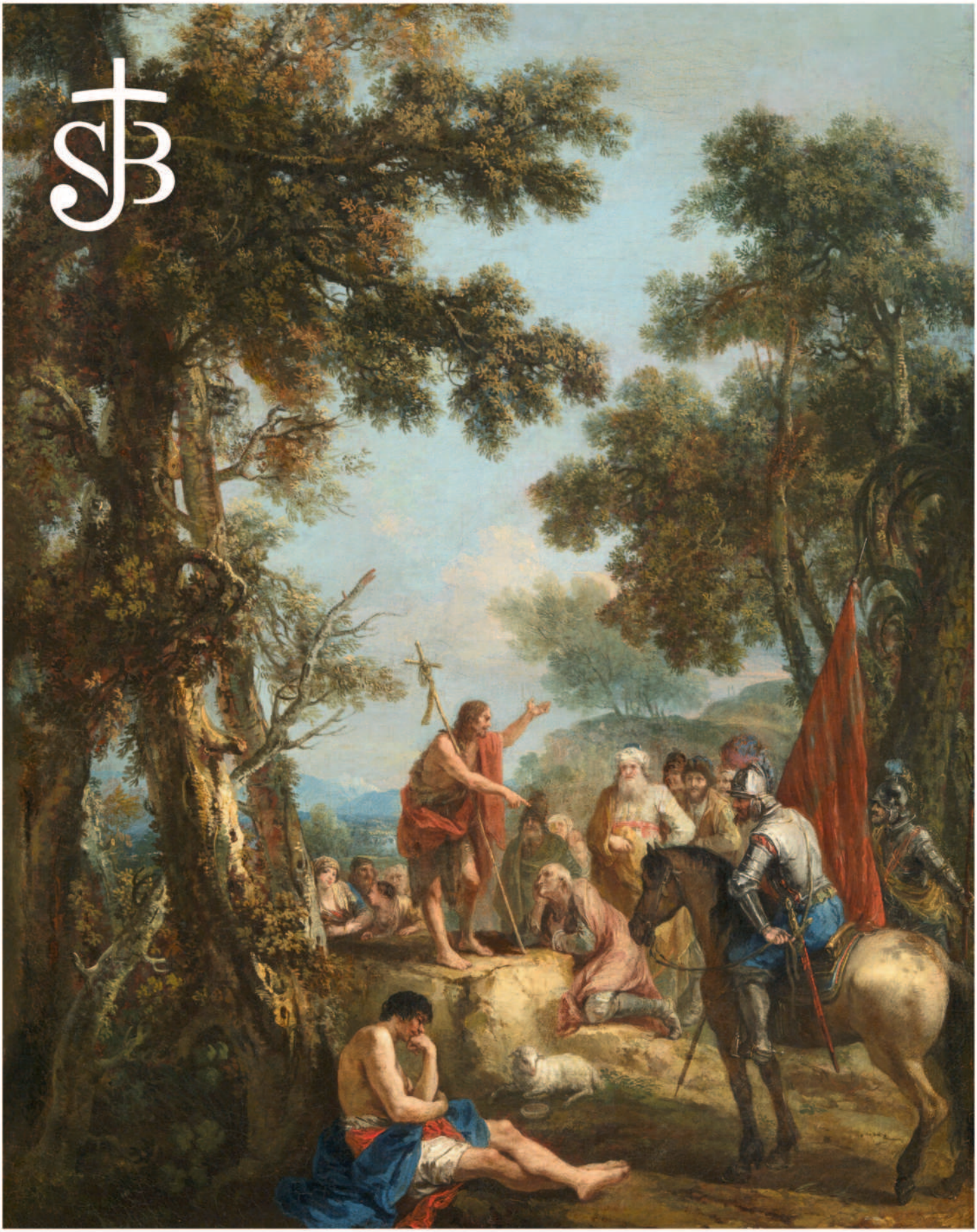


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 7th, 2025 | Second Sunday of Advent | Painting by: Francesco Zuccarelli

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. John the Baptist's voice calls out in the Gospel for us to be prepared for the coming of the Messiah. St. John the Baptist uses the image of a winnowing fan to describe the way Jesus will separate the wheat from the chaff. In order for the average modern reader to understand what a winnowing fan is, you might have to YouTube it, but basically, you have to crush the wheat first to separate the inner kernel of wheat from the chaff exterior and then throw them both up in the air to separate them. Throwing them up in the air separates them because the wheat is denser and the chaff is less so. The wind will catch the chaff and carry it a bit away from the pile of wheat. The wheat just has more substance to it, and the chaff is hollow; it is just an exterior thing that has no substantial value– hence it is burned. As St. John uses this image to speak about us, he invites us to think about whether we are wheat or chaff. He wants us to repent of our sins and be reconciled to God.

We can also think about the things in our lives that have substance and the things that do not. If you notice that you are spending a lot of time doing things that have eternal significance, or spending a lot of money and attention on things that have no eternal significance, it is important to recognize that this is the "chaff" in your life. To say that these things "will be thrown up into the air" is to say that these things will be tested, and whatever is worthless will be blown away by the wind and then burned. Be careful that when your whole life is thrown up into the air, it's not just a bunch of chaff. If you see a dissonance in your life between where your heart, attention, and time are and what matters in the Kingdom of God, then repent of those priorities and have your priorities reconciled with the priorities of God. That is why we have the season of Advent: to have our lives and hearts set on the Kingdom of God so that we are ready when the King returns.

God Bless You,

Fr. Dan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
8AM SOLEMNITY MASS
12:15PM SOLEMNITY MASS
6PM SOLEMNITY MASS

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

OUR PARISH MISSION

We exist to form a community of Spirit-filled, missionary disciples of Jesus.

This Advent, we invite all parishioners to join in prayer and fasting for our parish mission. Sign up for a day of fasting to pray for our bishop, our parish community, and the raising up of young Catholic leaders.

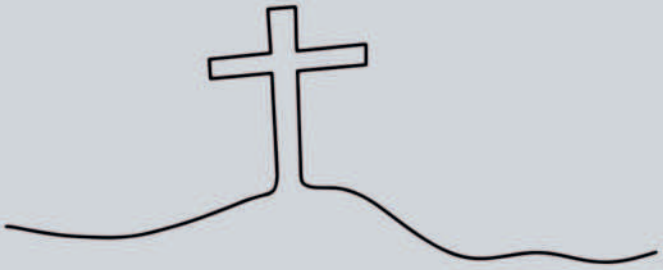
Sign up for a date via the QR code.
Thank you!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 9AM
AT CHRIST THE KING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 3PM
AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 3PM
AT ST. JOSEPH'S WHITTAKER



CHRISTMAS
MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
4 PM MASS
MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
10 AM

NEW YEARS DAY MASS
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

DECEMBER 31ST
5 PM
JANUARY 1ST
9 AM
11 AM

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th - January 1st.
NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS DEC 24TH, 25TH, 26TH & 27TH.
NO ADORATION DEC 24TH, 25TH & 26TH, 31ST & JAN 1ST.

THIS WEEK

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
after the 8AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & WORSHIP NIGHT
WILL BE TAKING A HOLIDAY BREAK AND WILL RETURN IN JANUARY!

SJ Beat

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 2026

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel
SIGN UP FOR JANUARY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 7PM

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

Formation Opportunities

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

December 8th.....Walk Through the Mass Pt 2 (ATTEND 6pm Mass as group)

December 15th.....Rite of Anointing of the Catechumen / Q&A on the Sacraments

December 22nd.....Holiday Time Off

December 29th.....Holiday Time Off

January 5th.....Catholic Moral Teaching (Forming conscience, natural law, commandments 1-3)

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER!

THE VOTES ARE IN!

THE HANDLE BAR MOUSTACHE IS THE WINNING STYLE!

FR. DAN HAS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE—PHOTOS OF HIS NEW LOOK COMING SOON. STAY TUNED!

Blessed Advent Season!

Thank you for your generous support of our No-Shave November fundraiser. I hope you are pleased with the outcome! Because of your kindness, we are able to bring all interested students to the SEEK conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Now we count on your prayers as we attend the conference from January 1st - January 5th. This can be a time of powerful encounter with the Lord. Many of our students have never experienced a conference like this before, so please pray that they may encounter the Lord and His great love for them.

In the meantime, be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May Our Lady be ever near you in this holy season as we await the coming of our King!

Prayers,
Sr. Lisa Zelfa, SGL
Director of Campus Ministry

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THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Encourage

"As we light our second candle on our Advent wreaths, Mary's resounding yes to God reminds us to continue to say yes to him. this week, let us strive to answer God's call with a joyful yes as we await the coming of his Son."
– Waiting Well, Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR THE FREE VIDEOS

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Do not accept anything as truth if it lacks love. And do not accpet anything as love which lacks truth! One without the other becomes a destructive lie."
– St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Edith Stein

SONGS OF THE WEEK

Ode to Mary - Mark Mallett / ***Magnificat*** - Jacob Lash / ***Veniens Mater Inclita***

ADVENT GIVING TREE

In partnership with Hope Clinic and Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County, you can support our local neighbors this Christmas season.

Pick up a tag from one of our giving trees in the Vestibule and Gathering Space — your gift will be a tangible expression of God's love in our community.

CONFESSION

This Advent, take a step closer to God and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ our Savior. A wonderful place to begin is with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Opportunities are available:

- Monday: 11:00 AM
- Tuesday: 6:30 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM
- Saturday: 3:30 PM

CHRISTKINDLMARKT - ADVENT FESTIVAL

Christkindlmarkt is a traditional German festival held before Christmas to help prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. The outdoor artisan market held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in will also include food and drinks for purchase, Lessons & Carols, an Our Lady of Guadalupe dance performance, and an array of fun activities for all ages. See you there!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
1PM - 6PM
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, ANN ARBOR

WAITING FOR JESUS

Advent is a time when we reflect on waiting for Jesus. However, have you ever thought about those who might be waiting for YOU to bring Him to them?

Isolated members of our Catholic community in care and correctional facilities need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit and share Christ's presence.

No experience is needed—training is provided, with flexible times and locations. Contact Michelle Kazanjian at 734.971.9781 x338 or mkazanjian@ccwcwashtenaw.org.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRAINING WORKSHOP

NEEDED, WANTED, & AVAILABLE

Bilingual Spanish Speakers Needed - Seeking Spanish-speaking parishioners to help at our food pantry on Thursday evenings. We are looking for Spirit-filled missionary disciples who can share Jesus with our Hispanic patrons. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Clare Firn, pantry@ypsicatholic.org

Transportation Help Needed- An elderly couple who live near Hewitt & Ellsworth are in need of transportation to the 11 AM Sunday Mass. If you are able to regularly assist with rides, please contact Michael at 734-328-9393.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
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JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell
Margaret Trapp

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
12:15 PM:† Stephanie Davis
Requested by Dennis & Sharon Zielinski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
6:00 PM Intentions of Maria Ermitano Lim
Requested by Ana Lim

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
8:00 AM Intentions of Tom Bielski & Family
Requested by Bob Nowlan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
8:00 AM: Intetions of the Firn Godchildren
Requested by Joe and Mary Firn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Sheila & Philip Pilipose
Requested by Sheila Philipose

5 PM:† George Medich
Requested by Leanna McCully

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
9:00 AM:† Vincent Greiner
Requested by Mary & Mike Konopelski

11 AM: People of the Parish

St. Lucy

December 13th, 2025

Born into a family of wealth and nobility, Lucy was born in the year 283. Her father died while she was young , leaving her behind to be raised by her mother, Eutychia. Lucy devoted herself to God, and desired to consecrate her virginity to the Lord, but, due to the Christian persecution under the rule of Diocletian at the time, she kept her faith a secret.

Not initially knowing her plans to dedicate herself fully to God, her mother arranged for her to be married to a man who was not Christian. Fortunately, the marriage was postponed multiple times as she prayed for divine rescue and provision. Her mother, though she now knew of Lucy's desires, was not convinced. That is until she experienced a miraculous healing at the tomb of Saint Agatha.

In the year 301, Lucy and Eutychia went to Catania to St. Agatha's tomb. Eutychia was suffering from an unexplainable haemorrhagic illness. The mother and daughter sought the grace of healing, which was granted after interceding to St. Agatha. There also, Eutychia agreed to allow Lucy to remain chaste.

The young suitor that Lucy was to marry was very unhappy. Knowing that she would be persecuted, he revealed Lucy as a Christian to the Prefect Pascasius. Lucy was arrested and refused to renounce her faith, rather, she professed it. Pascasius sought to discredit and defile her by ordering that she join the brothel as a prostitute. But, when guards attempted to transport her, she was physically immovable, not even by the strength of a team of oxen. She was ordered to be tortured and killed as a result. They gathered wood and surrounded her with it in hopes to burn her alive, but the wood would not catch fire. Furious, Pascasius finally ordered that she be executed by the sword. She was martyred on December 13, 304.

Some accounts declare that her eyes were gouged out during her torture, other accounts say she herself removed them in rebellion because her suitor greatly admired them. Upon her preparation for burial, her eyes were completely restored. This, paired with her name, which means "light", led to her association and patronage with eyes. She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye troubles.

One way to celebrate her feast day as a family, would be that the oldest daughter of the family can dress in an all white gown (to represent purity), a red sash (martyrdom), and a green wreath with candles (eternity). She then can bring sweet rolls or donuts to her family to represent the story of the ship that brought bread to Sweden, after they prayed to St. Lucy to deliver them from a famine.

Celebrate St. Lucy with your family! Find family friendly traditions at **acatholicmomslife.com/our-st-lucy-feast-day-family-traditions/**

— Written by Anna Njoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 13TH & DECEMBER 14TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Carolyn Bradley	Alex Uram
Jeff Kerner	Stephen Bradley	Steve Uram
John Reszke	Shawn Lenhardt	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Jude Lussier	Wendy Winnie
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	Need Volunteer	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Sharon Zielinski
LECTORS		
Patricia Gillay	Rebecca Lussier	Gary Czupinski
Tom Moffit	Sarah Scholl	Shelly Czupinski
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Kackle	ADULT:	ADULT:
Need Volunteer	Maralee Meyer	Rachel Boudreaux
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
Liam Netsch	Adrian Anderson	Donald Cahalan
Lawrence Okpala	Damien Lussier	Eliseo Gonzalez
Scott Wells	Henry Meyer	Jayden Smith

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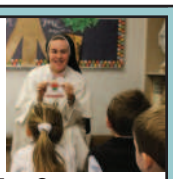
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